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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 28, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 8, at lines 13-18, please ~~delete~~ the paragraph and ~~replace~~ it with the following paragraph:

C/ As used herein, the term "molten metal" refers to a metal that is completely liquified when kept at a temperature above its melting point. In addition, the term "solidifying metal" refers to a liquid containing solid metal crystals that form at a temperature between the liquidus temperature and the solidus temperature.

IN THE CLAIMS